



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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The next **meeting** is at the
Simi Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.

Thursday September 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley
Thursday September 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A bit quiet this month for projects and bits. I am done with a list of electronic components and parts. I will work with Matt KN6SEC to get them listed on the web site as a permanent list of ~~junk~~ stuff for sale or trade.

Who in the club plays with electronics?

I think the September 10th meeting is a good time to go over the basics of voltage and current. I am ready to wave my arms and scribble on the black board about the ins, outs, and toasted bits of electricity.

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A selection of NETS

Monday	Condor Connection (Plays Newsline)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
Tuesday	County ACS HF net	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/- Winter 3.987 +/-
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	ATN-CA Net	7:30 PM	https://www.atn-tv.com
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Wednesday	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	Mesh VOIP Net* Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
Thursday	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Saturday	SSARC SSB HF Net	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	CW-QRP	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	Quad Squad net	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
Sunday	The Newbie net	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 -0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	SSARC 2 Meter Net	8:30 PM	447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz

Additional listings of **MORE** local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

Sep 6 Kerwyn N6YHX
 13 Matt KN6SEC
 20 Brian KM6MIN
 27 Kevin KD6UTC

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ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands-on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, just message Frank Valdez at frankki6oq@gmail.com.



The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs **Tuesdays**. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi**. You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The Tuesday **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

During the winter, it is back to 3.987 lower side band.

The Tuesday **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The Tuesday **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-0.6 MHz, PL 100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

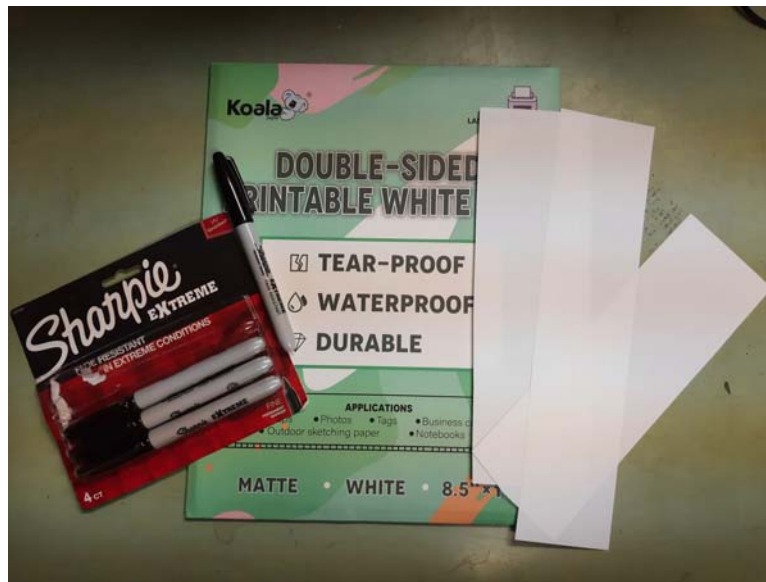
NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **countywide** net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater on 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

Visit vccomm.org for more updates.

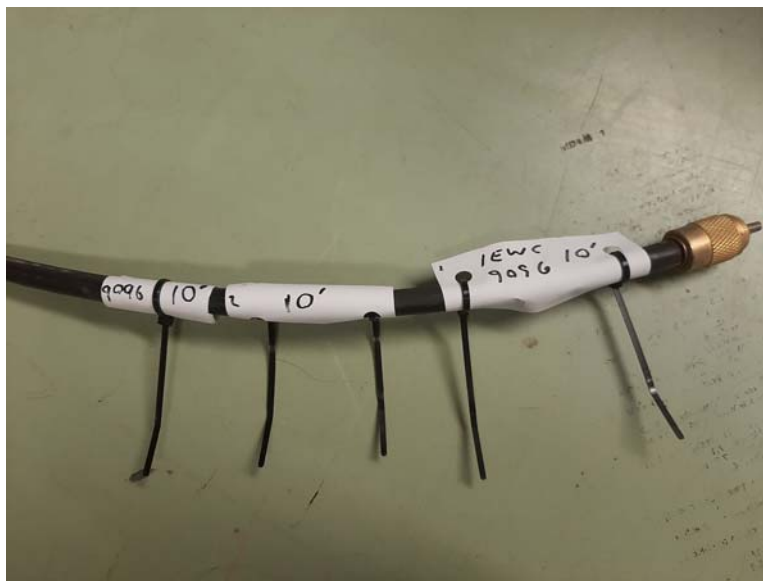
1-Sep-26	Frank Valdez	KI6OQ
8-Sep-26	Ron Nelson	K6RIN
15-Sep-26	Eric Oberg	KE6MLF
22-Sep-26	Bill Woods	AB6BW

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Projects and Tips



I got 10 sheets of Tyvek and some very permanent markers off of Amazon. Going to label my spare coax cables so I can see the length and cable type. Tired of sorting through a pile of black snakes.



Not quite sure what the format is going to be, but experimentation has started. Started on the right with the punched holes, but did not like the floppy bit on top. Middle was the next revision, but it still is not quite right. The last one on the left with a single zip tie and a bit of tape underneath seems to be the best so far.

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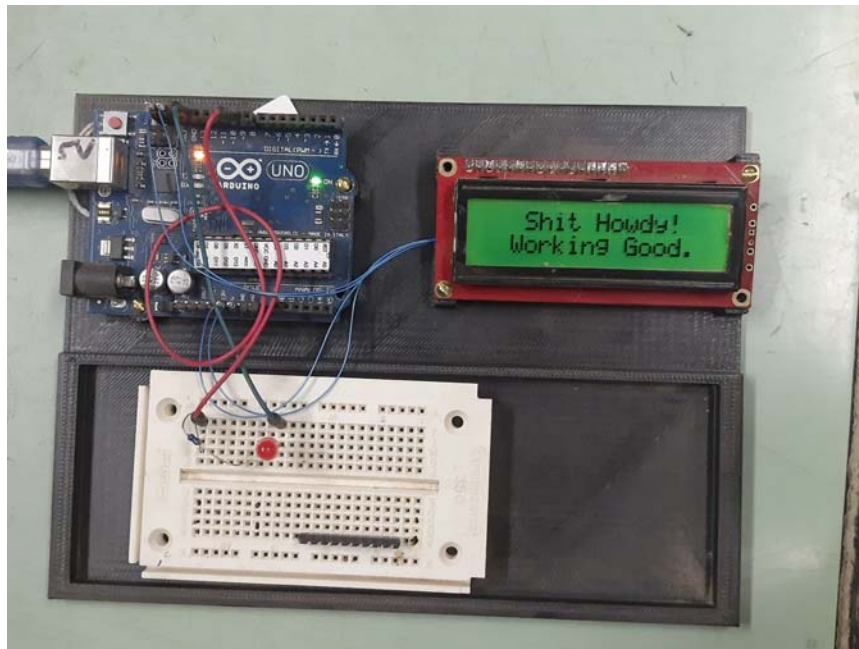
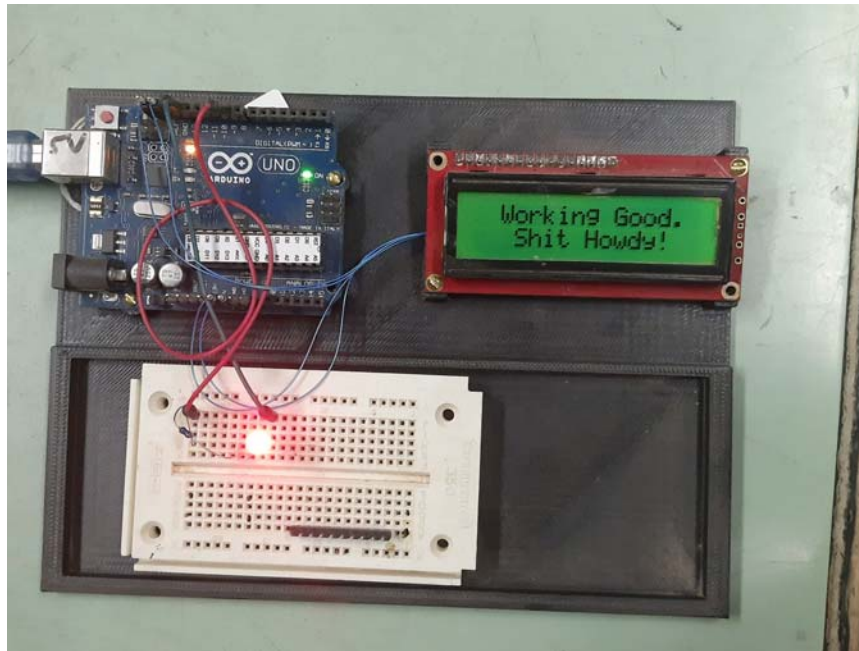
The Wife got these tags off of Amazon, she uses them to mark all kinds of stuff. I stole a few and use them to mark my radio programming and other specialty cables. Too big or long? Just cut them with scissors. Again with the extra strength sharpie pen to resist fading. Be sure to use the "side cutting" trimmers, they do not leave a sharp bit where you cut off the tail.





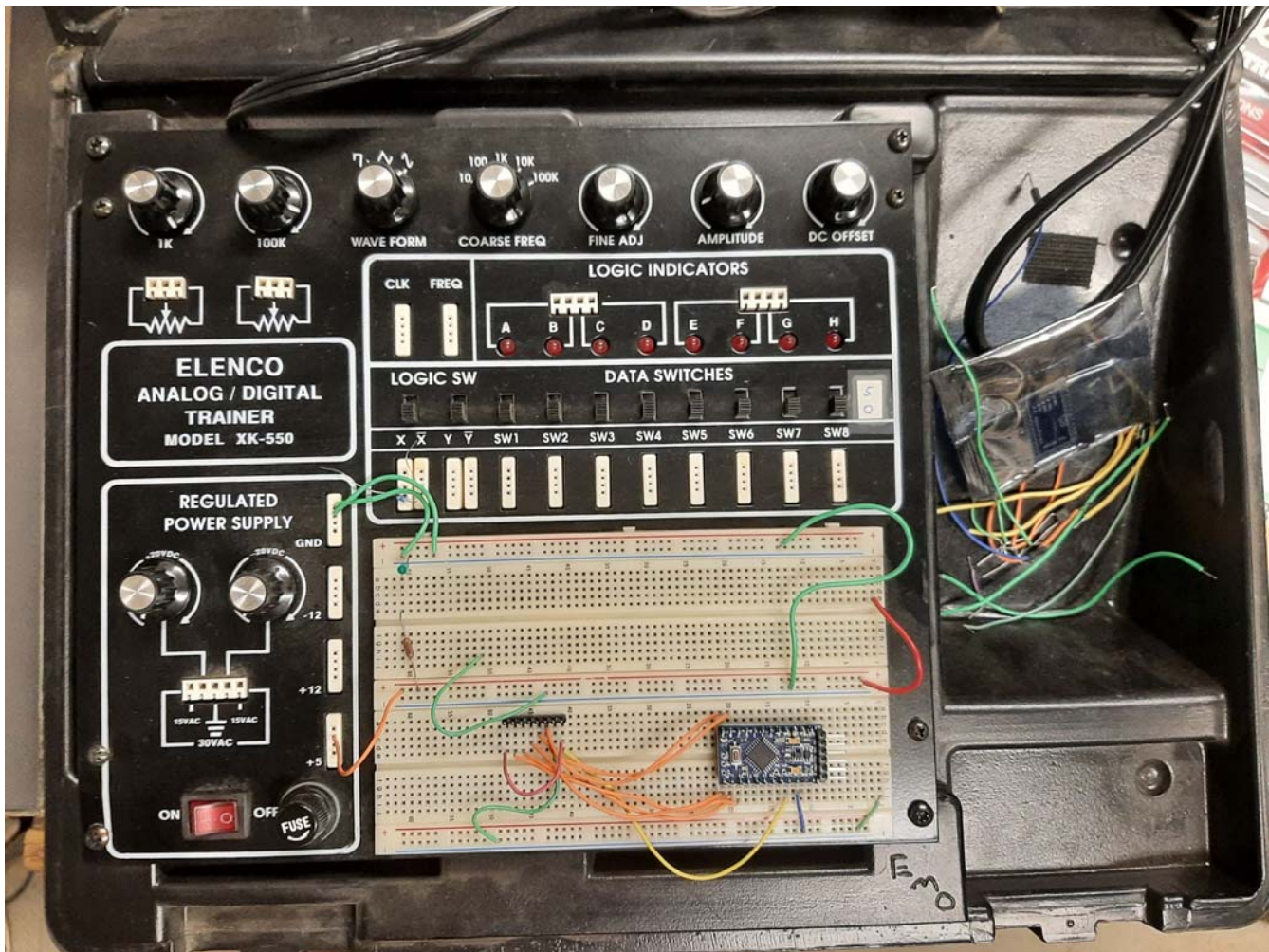
When Kerwyn borrowed the vertical antenna, he got me a brand new tube of anti-seize. Really makes it easier when you have to pull hardware apart after it has been sitting outside for years.

I have several of these 3D printed stands for Arduinos and LCDs. Gives me a giggle with several of them blinking LEDs and showing messages on the LCD. I have enough silly things blinking LEDs in the shack that I do not need a nightlight to find my way around when it is dark.

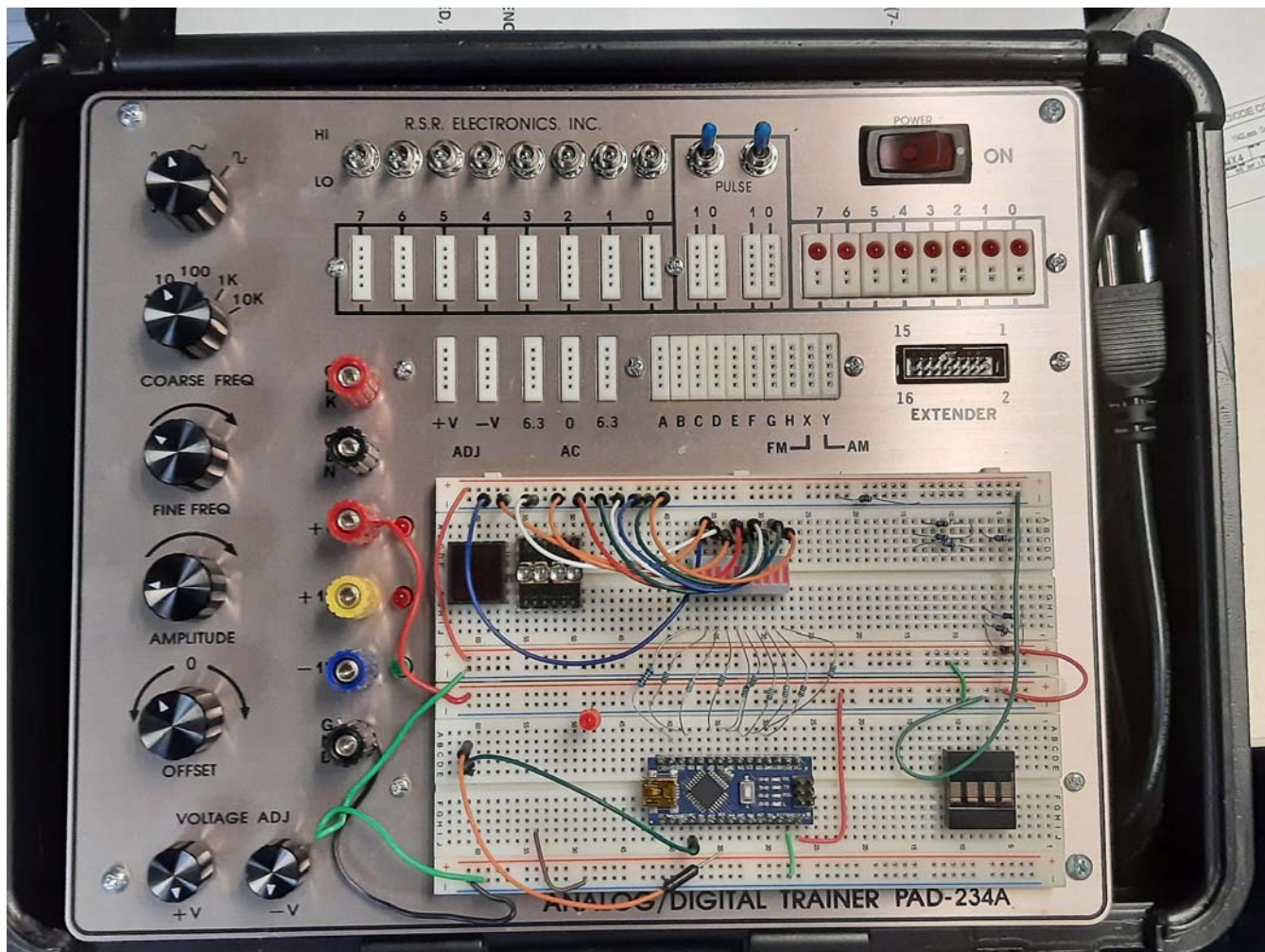


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For bigger experiments, I use this handy electronic breadboard. Got it off of Ebay for under \$50. Multiple power supplies, frequency generator, some pots, switches, and LEDs. In a nice case, so I can close the lid to protect the wires and bits. I got one for my brother and another for a co-worker. I think some technical school makes their students buy one, then the student unloads it on the auction site when the class is done.

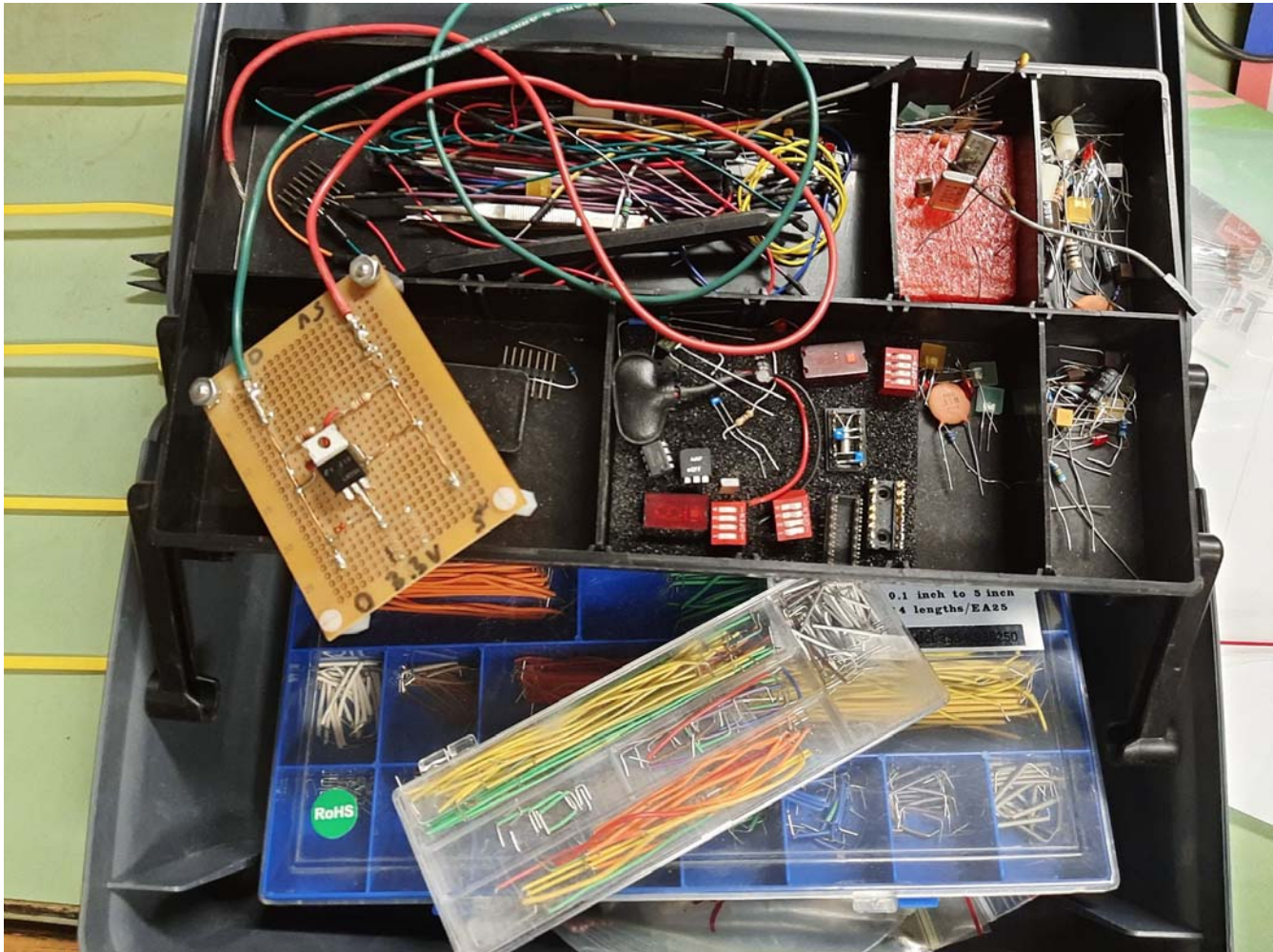


I have a second one at work for puttering at lunch time. Again, off of Ebay for about \$40 dollars.



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When you use one of the solderless breadboards, you need another box with wires and common parts. I made the circuit board for 3.3 volts that plugs right into the end of the breadboard section, runs from the 5 volt supply.



13 Souls Tribute Run

On August 13th, a few of us braved the heat and humidity to provide radio support for this bike / run / walk event along the Simi Arroyo path. Some people only did a few miles, some did the full 13 miles from the train station to Madera and back. There were several hundred participants, with no disasters or incidents.



Brian KM6MIN and Keith W6KME at net control.



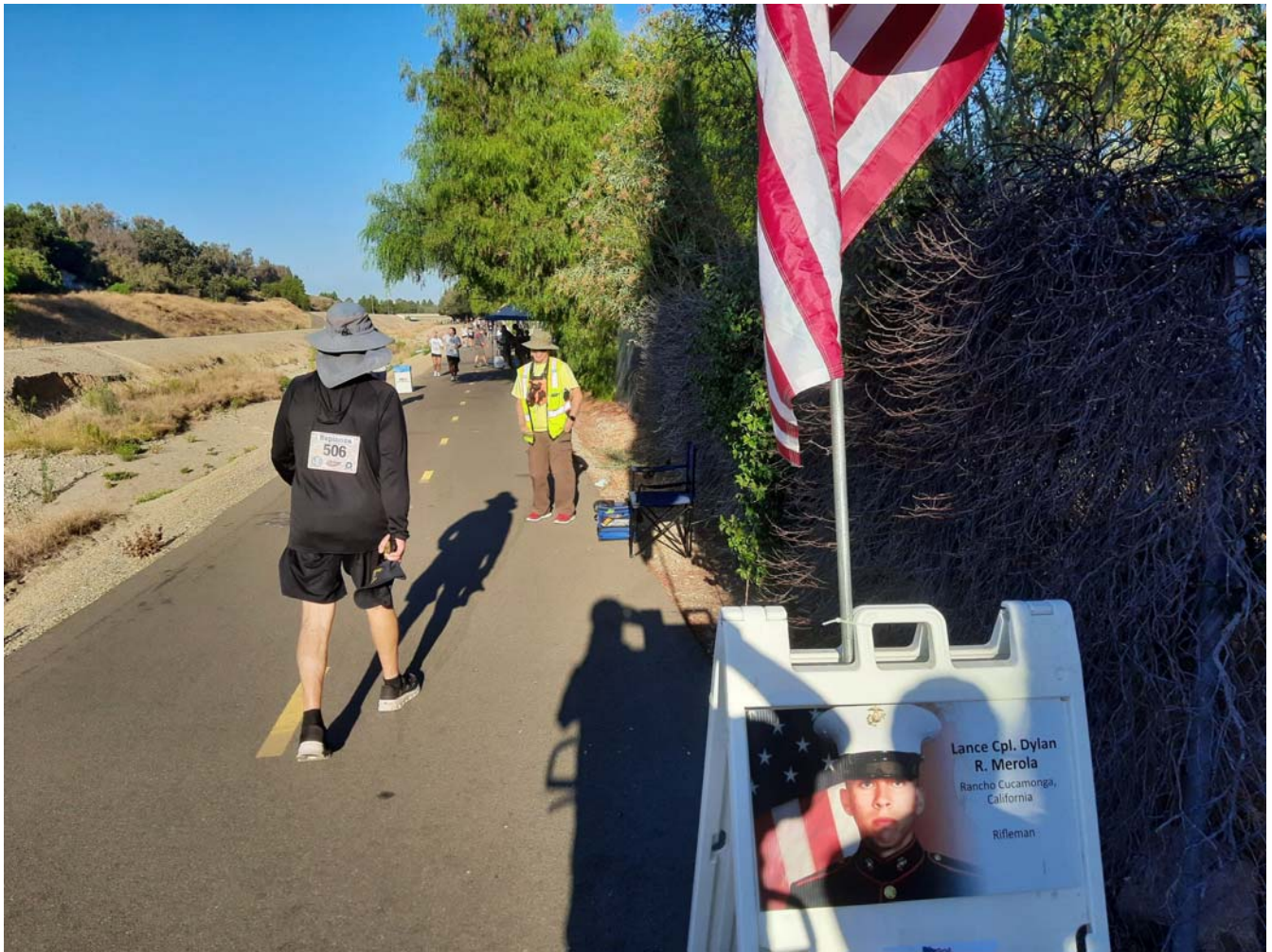
Start area with music, speeches, memorials.

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A few vendors and booths with good information.

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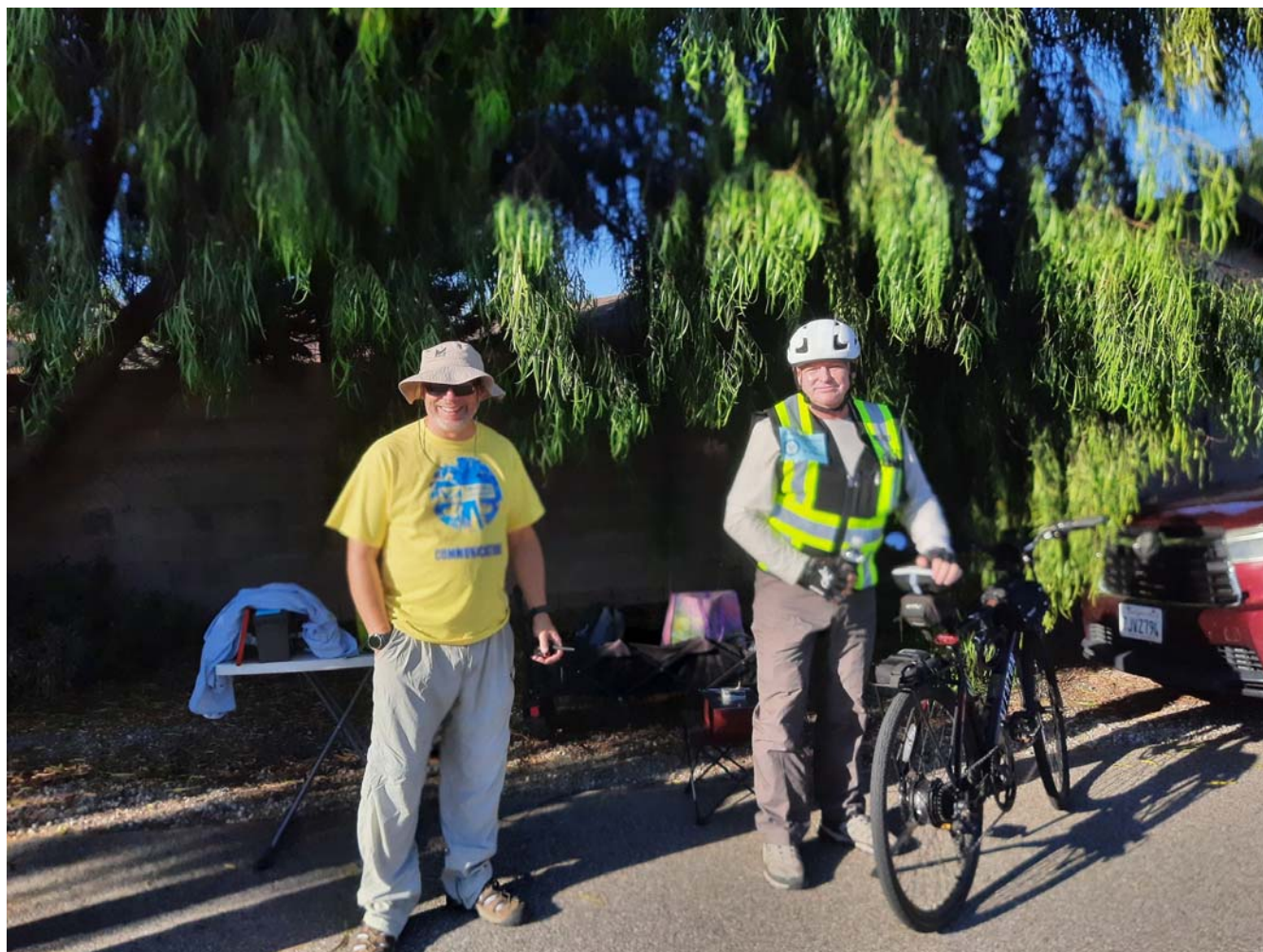
Frank KI6OQ at the 1 mile mark.

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Eric KB6DYJ playing Pokemon at the 2 mile mark. Hiding in the shade was a goal for all the stations.

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Kerwyn W6YHX0 at the 3 mile mark with Greg W6GRG taking a brief respite from riding the bike.

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Ron K6RIN at the 4 mile mark.

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Greg and Dave KM6FQ with a few of the aid station volunteers at mile 5. There was the usual support from Scouts and (Civil Air Patrol?) Cadets.

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Pete KO6LWD was almost at the end of the path.

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And dang it, I missed a picture of Matt KN6SEC who was stationed at the Madera end of the bike path. Found this picture from 2024 of him and Greg. Close enough?



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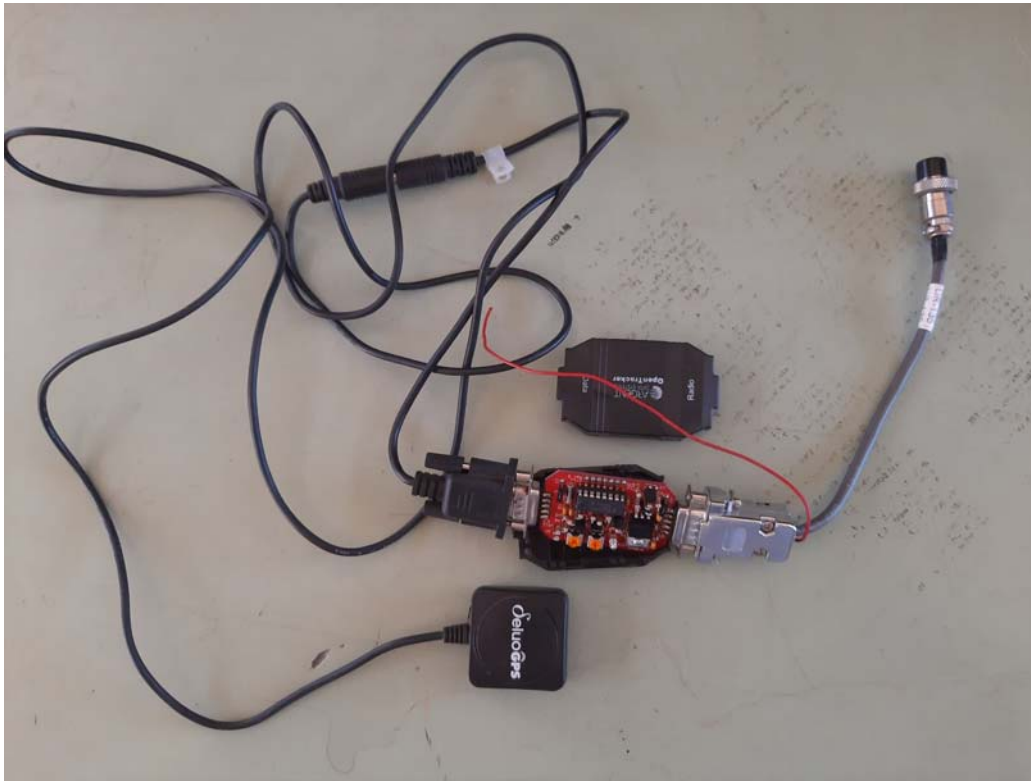


And of course, your intrepid (resolute fearlessness, fortitude, and endurance) newsletter editor. Notice the fashionable shorts and T-shirt. That is because I was safely slathered up in 70 SPF sunscreen. Lets not talk too much about the nylon vest, but yes, it was hot and sweaty underneath. The red handle bar bag holds a 12 amp hour LipoFe battery and a Btech mobile. Did not use it much, as the hand held radio (a Yaesu VX-8) reached the 440 repeater along the entire path. The antenna poking out of my vest pocket is 144, 220, 440 AND 6 meters. It was great to have it fit in my pocket and not get poked in the eye by the antenna. The blue string is a leash, cause rumor has it that I have dropped one or two things as I trundle along. Thou shalt not throw a new-to-me radio on the pavement. Thank you George.

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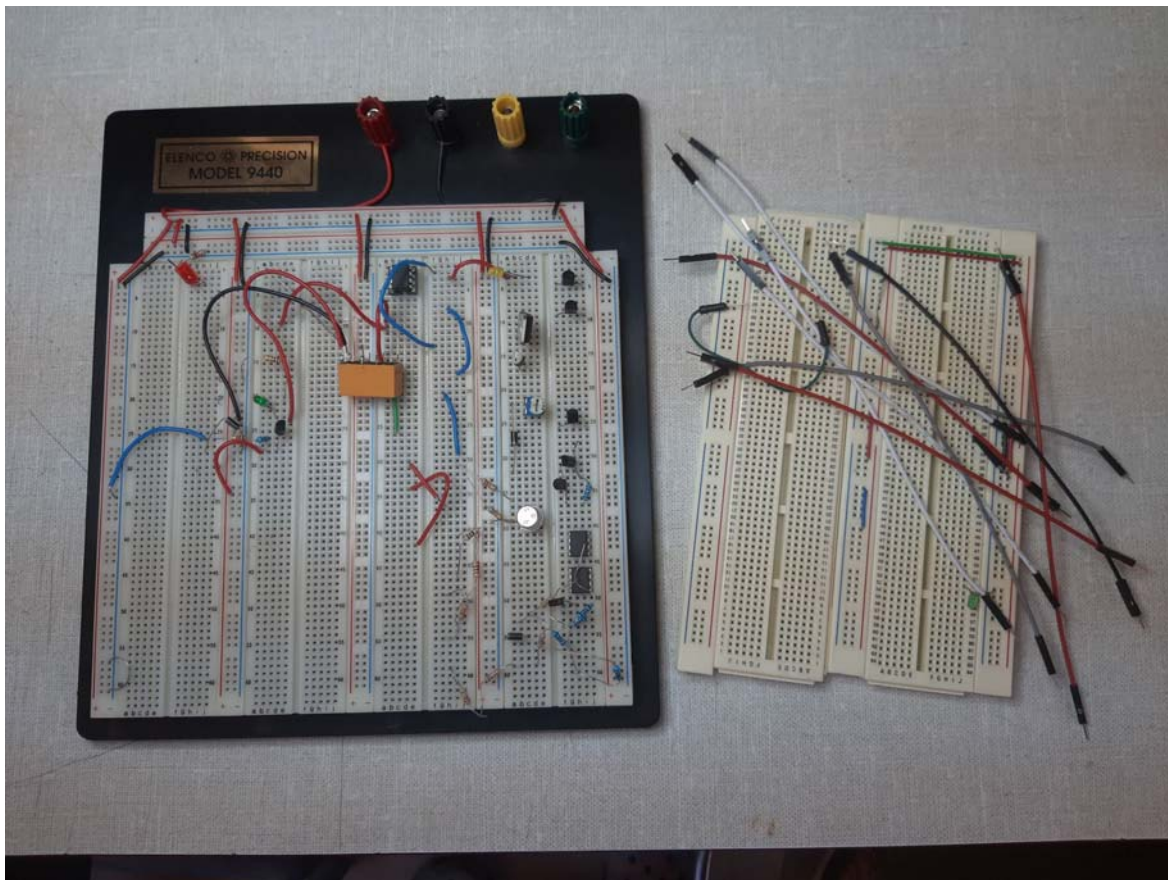
Here are some doo-dads that are up for sale or loan:

If you are interested, get in contact with me and we will figure out a price, loan, or ???



Argent Data APRS tracker. Has the active antenna GPS. Uses a configuration program to set call signs and the like. The black and silver connector will need to be re-wired for your radio.

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Electronics Breadboard.

For experimenting with components or circuits without the need to solder and have a printed circuit made up. Lots of the jumper wires go with them. Select either the black or one / both of the white units.



Arduino Nano. Glen Wa6GNB got us these for the RF Detector project.

Still have a few PCBs left!

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A trunk mount, coax cable, and UHF connector antenna mouth.

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12 volt power supplies, switching. Can power a mobile or handheld radio. We can rustle up a power cable for you.

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Variable power supplies. Goes great with the prototype breadboards listed above. The upper supply on the right is a fixed 5 volt supply, 1.2 amps. Got a few of those floating around.

Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles - **Create your profile here!**

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

www.theborednet.net - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the **groups.io** banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-ac.s.groups.io/g/main/messages

vc-ac.s.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

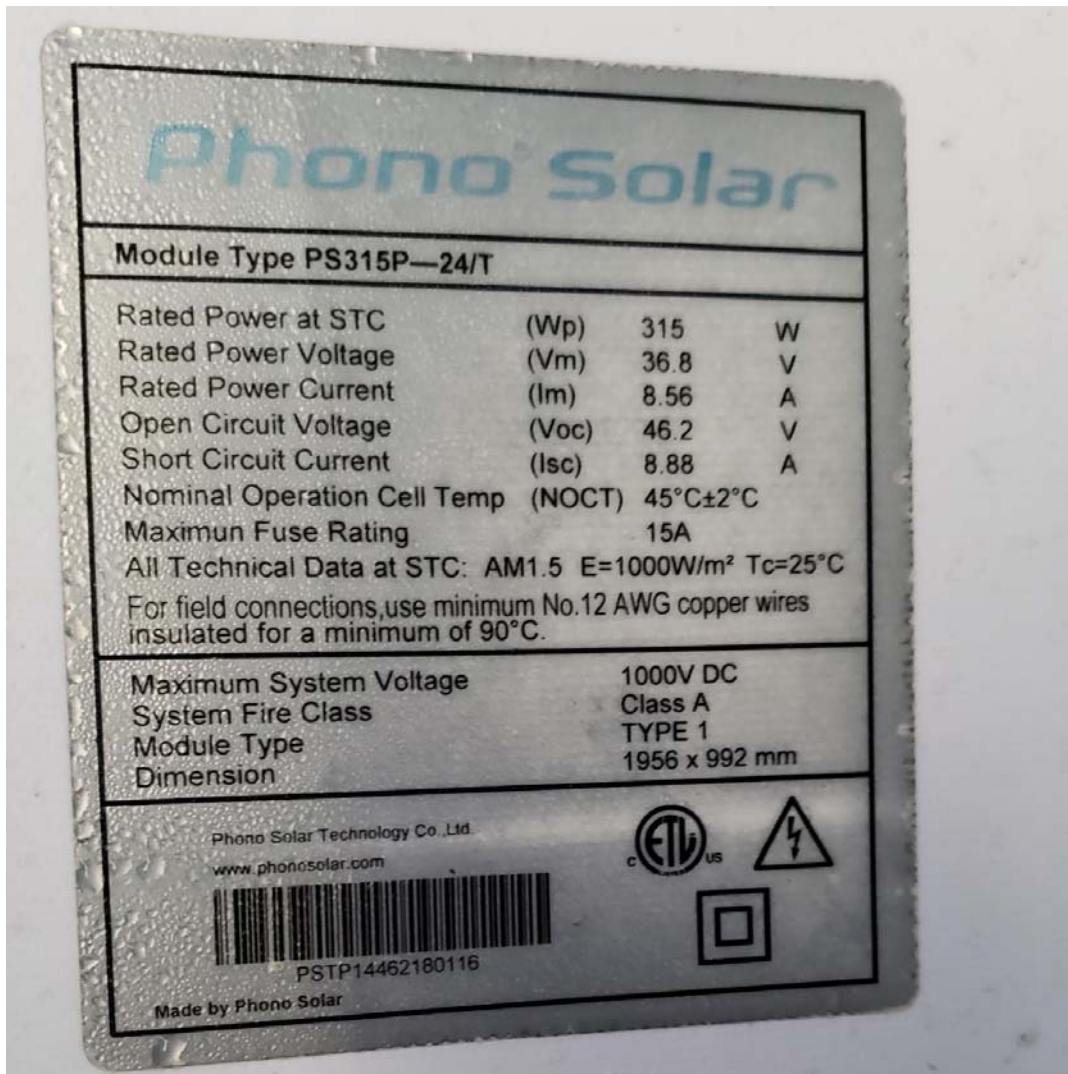
SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

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From Orv W6BI

For Sale - 315 watt solar panels - \$50 each. Lightly-used prior to being taken out of service. Four available. Funds will be directed towards Simi Valley repeater maintenance



From Joe W6JWP

Creality CR-6 SE 3D Printer \$150.00 OBO. Lots of tools and spare parts included. More pictures available upon request.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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From Joe W6JWP

Ender 3 v1 3D FDM Printer

Modified for direct drive.

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed. Includes a spare textured steel bed.

Good basic machine

Free to a good home.



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LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER



This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or μ -measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for \$99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

From Glenn WA6GNB

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. \$30.00 Contact Glen at gnb.2112@yahoo.com

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisetters.org/index.htm>
 Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>
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Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simisetters.org)

Membership Application



Type of Application:

New Member ☐ ☐
Renewal ☐ ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$25/yr) ☐ ☐
Family (\$30/yr) ☐ ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ (Omit year)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ (Omit year)

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ (Omit year)

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ (Omit year)

Badges requested: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

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Application type: New ☐ ☐ Renewal ☐ ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ ☐ Family ☐ ☐

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Database completed: _____

Badges and Shirts ordered: _____

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